

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	William Neill Myers
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	MFS-31906-1

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
dw		US- 2,943,622	07/05/1960	Nelson	
		US- 4,179,759	12/25/1979	Smith	
		US- 4,433,679	02/28/1984	Mauldin et al.	
		US- 4,520,804	06/04/1985	DiGeorge	
		US- 4,632,096	12/30/1986	Harris	
		US- 4,688,559	08/25/1987	Vito et al.	
		US- 4,791,916	12/20/1988	Paetz	
		US- 5,490,831	02/13/1996	Myers et al.	
		US- 5,776,086	07/07/1998	Pansiera	
		US- 5,899,869	05/04/1999	Barrack, Jr. et al.	
		US- 6,001,075	12/14/1999	Clemens et al.	
		US- 6,527,733 B1	03/04/2003	Ceriani et al.	
dw		US- 2002/0169402	11/14/2002	Hatton et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date of signature below.

Date: 11/24/04 Signature: [Signature]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶

Examiner
Signature

Manda Wicker

Date
Considered

11/24/04

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Express Mail ER397703025US